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SUBJECT: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ACCORDED BY HOST
GOVERNMENTS TO OBSERVER DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

1. DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE EXTENT OF
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (P&I) ACCORDED TO OBSERVER
MISSIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BY THE COUNTRIES
IN WHOSE TERRITORIES THE HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED.

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ENTRY THROUGH IMMIGRATION, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY).

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS STUDY,

THE OBSERVER

MISSION DIVIDED INTO: (A) THREE CATEGORIES

OF PERSONNEL: 1) REPRESENTATIVE, OR HEAD OF MISSION,

2) MEMBERS OF MISSION HAVING DIPLOMATIC RANK, INCLUDING

DELEGATES, ADVISERS, TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND SECRETARIES

OF DELEGATION, 3) MEMBERS OF MISSION NOT HAVING DIPLOMATIC

RANK, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT

STAFF; AND (B) MISSION ITSELF, INCLUDING ITS PREMISES AND

ARCHIVES.

2. AT UN HEADQUARTERS THERE ARE THREE CATEGORIES OF

OBSERVER MISSIONS: 1) NON-MEMBER STATES (I.E. SWISS,

NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA); 2) ORGANIZATIONS OF STATES (I.E.

OAU, LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES) WHICH HAVE RECEIVED STANDING

INVITATIONS TO ATTEND SESSIONS OF THE GA AS OBSERVERS;

AND 3) OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (I.E. PLO) WHICH HAVE RECEIVED

INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN SESSIONS OR WORK OF THE GA

AS OBSERVERS. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING

IF OTHER HOST COUNTRIES MAKE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THESE

CATEGORIES FOR P&I PURPOSES.

3. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW LEGAL BASIS

FOR P&I: EXECUTIVE ACTION, INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT,

OR SPECIAL OR GENERAL LEGISLATION.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ABOVE INFORMATION BE OBTAINED

FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ADDRESSEES AND TRANSMITTED TO

DEPARTMENT BY TELEGRAM BY OCTOBER 1.

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